

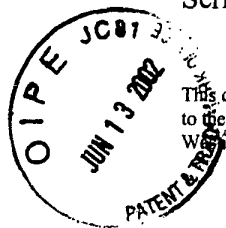
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW OF MAY 6, 2002 AND THE ADVISORY ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Interview of May 6, 2002 and the subsequent Advisory Action. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time until February 15, 2002 was filed previously. A Notice of Appeal, with the required fees, was filed April 15, 2002. Please charge any other fees due to deposit account number 10-0435. Applicant accepts the allowed claims, and requests clarification of some others.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 5 and 8.

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) The crystal of claim [1] 3 further characterized by ability to provide x-ray diffraction patterns useful to define molecular structures for bacterial IMPDH enzymes.

3. (Amended) [The crystal of claim 1] A crystal of bacterial IMPDH (inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase) isolated from a bacterial preparation wherein the bacterial preparation is a pure culture of *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

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